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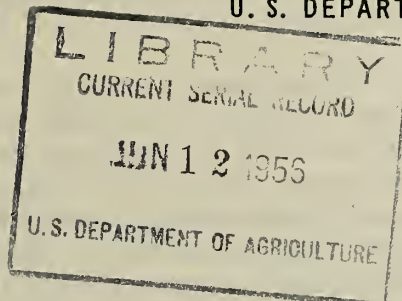


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Dear Coworkers:

A WORD ON PROGRAM PROJECTION

Research, analysis, facts and imaginative rethinking are the keen-edged tools that 4-H leaders are using in many States to meet the challenges of our times. It is not an easy task to turn away from a desk piled high with daily routine or to cancel part of a field schedule in order to look ahead and plan. But a number of State and county Extension workers are doing just that.

"A" stands for "analyze." There is no substitute for this first, objective, fact-finding step. Facts about the present situation and needs of youth are the germ-plasm from which your program projection or development starts.

"B" is for "bounce." When you drop the facts of your program analysis against the springboard of program objectives or purposes, you will generate a power of projection which has impetus far beyond everyday procedures.

"C" is for "concentrate" on fundamentals. There are so many things to do that frequently our concentration on a "horseshoe nail" makes us forget to feed the horse or to study the road map. An example is the lack of attention given to the recruitment, training and servicing of the needs of our local 4-H leaders. They are the corps and the core of our 4-H program. Yet studies reveal that most Extension staffs spend far more time on planning, conducting and recovering from 4-H events (for a relatively few members) than we devote to the fundamental job of working with leaders.

"D" is "decide." A course of action is necessary to change and improvement. The decision regarding which course to follow should involve all the people who will be concerned in carrying it out. This principle of involvement in the decision-making process is the balm of effective human relations.

"E" means "evaluate." Continuous stock-taking of where we are in relation to our 4-H objectives compares with an architect's constant checking of a building's progress in relation to his set of plans or blueprints.

"F" is the fun you have when you watch a set of plans unfold, take shape and breathe new life into the Extension program.

PROGRAM PROJECTION TOOLS

Three aids are enclosed which may help you in your own statistical analysis of 4-H and YMW:

1. "A Summary of the 4-H Club Teaching Objectives and Learning Experiences".

In connection with the West Virginia study of organization and methods to do effective 4-H Club work, it became necessary to get an idea of learning experiences that might lead to the attainment of 4-H Club objectives. This material raises such interesting discussion about 4-H, we thought you might find it useful in the current emphasis. Please note that this, as a document, is intended only for limited distribution.

2. The statistical analysis of 4-H and YMW, prepared by Mrs. Amelia Gordy of the Division of Extension Research and Training, will give basic data for your analysis.
3. The final page of the Evaluation Committee report is excerpted for your use. The committee report in its entirety was accepted by the Subcommittee and is being distributed by the first chairman, Bob Clark.

As you develop your own State and county data along program projection lines, please send us copies.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

Reporting 4-H Club Week to the Nation is one of the big jobs we try to do here during National 4-H Club Week. The six young folks, brought here jointly by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work and our office, always tell an inspiring story.

The 4-H report to the President this year will have the flavor of the family. Featured will be the heartwarming story of a distinctive 4-H family in Pennsylvania. This is consistent with our theme of "Improving Family and Community Living". It also relates to our interest in the farm and home unit approach.

Broadcasts and telecasts during the week:

Saturday, March 3

NBC - National Farm and Home Hour

CBS - Farm Show

Sunday, March 4

NBC - 4-H Salute on "Wide, Wide World"

Saturday, March 10

ABC - American Farmer

Throughout the Week - Clear Channel Stations

NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK - April 29 to May 5

We know you will want to give full cooperation to your State's planning for the Eleventh National Home Demonstration Week, themed to "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

Enclosed is a copy of the announcement letter by Mr. Ferguson, giving the objectives of the week.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Many of you have been anxiously awaiting the announcement of the National Workshop in Human Development and Human Relations for Extension Workers. We are pleased that this excellent opportunity will again be available in 1956, at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Announcement to State Directors has been made by Miss Mary Louise Collings of the Division of Extension Research and Training. Your application should be made through your Director's office.

YOUNG OUTDOOR AMERICANS

We were happy to learn that the Izaak Walton League of America Inc. is offering 32 expense-paid trips to 4-H Club members to attend the 3rd Annual YOA Conference. In a letter just received, the League reports that sponsorship has been received to underwrite this conference, which is to be held in Sioux City, Iowa, April 18-20.

There will be an equal number of 4-H Club members, Boys Scouts and Future Farmers. The League was asked to designate the States which may select members of each organization to attend. Since 96 young people are involved, that will mean about two per State. A rotation is to be followed so that each State will name a 4-er about every third year. The States invited to name 4-H Club members this year are:

Alabama	Louisiana	Ohio
*Arkansas	*Maryland	*Oklahoma
*Colorado	Massachusetts	Oregon
*Connecticut	Minnesota	*Rhode Island
*Florida	*Mississippi	South Dakota
Georgia	Missouri	*Tennessee
*Idaho	*Nevada	*Texas
*Illinois	New Hampshire	Vermont
*Indiana	*New Mexico	*Washington
*Iowa	New York	West Virginia
*Kentucky	North Dakota	

According to our records, the States checked (*) have been represented by 4-H Club boys previously and are asked to send a girl this year if possible. States not checked will send boys. Very shortly a letter containing additional details will be sent each State concerned.

PLANS FOR NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CENTER

There was a fine response by Extension directors, State 4-H Club leaders and others to Director Knapp's inquiry on the future of the National 4-H Club Center. These many proposed uses of the Center prompted the Board of Trustees to move ahead with plans to terminate the present lease with the Department of the Army and begin renovation and some new construction as soon as possible. It is hoped the Center will be ready for occupancy sometime in 1958 and be equipped to accommodate between 260 and 300 people at a time.

The Share and Care Program has been going nicely with 24 States surpassing their quota.

GETTING IN STRIDE WITH OTHER DIVISIONS

Our staff has recently had meetings with the Division of Information Programs and then the Division of Home Economics Programs. Purpose of both meetings was to discuss ways we could more effectively work together for the progress of Extension programs. We look forward to similar meetings with other divisions.

In each case, we used as a starter for discussion "Some of the Important Areas of Concern in 4-H Club Work," a listing of points that you have informally discussed with us as we have visited your States.

We are enclosing a copy of this listing with the hope that you will give us your comments. Are these the most important points as you see them? What current concerns have we left out? Perhaps this listing will "spark" some of your discussions as it has ours.

FORWARD - TOGETHER

Ways we can work together for progress of 4-H in the Nation was the topic for our two-day meeting, January 30-31, with members of the staff of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, the National 4-H Club Foundation, and our Division. This annual meeting has done much to clarify policies and relationships, and to facilitate the operation of regional and national programs and events. Location of the meeting rotates between Chicago and Washington.

POULTRY FACT-FINDING AT KANSAS CITY

The third annual three-day Junior Poultry Fact-Finding Conference in Kansas City closed on a high note with an effective panel discussion on vocational opportunities in the poultry industry. Twenty States with 64 young people participated. Plans were announced for the fourth annual Junior Poultry Fact Finding Conference in February of 1957.

4-H AROUND THE WORLD - Some recent reports:

Venezuela - Otto Gray of FES has recently returned from a trip to Venezuela. He reports seeing the 5-V Clubs in action and is enthusiastic about progress being made.

Philippines - You will be interested in this quote from the Manila Times: "Gardens flourish on what was once bare yards. Eggplants and tomato seedlings have taken the place of thick weeds." These are some of the results of The Seeds-for-Democracy Program, for which 4-H Club members of the United States have contributed garden seeds to be used by 4-H Club members in the Philippine Islands. We have had other interesting reports of the worthwhileness of this activity.

Taiwan - A recent letter from Gus Brundage to Miss Gertrude Warren tells of the appointment of a home economics trained woman (Miss Y. H. Wu) to assist with the 4-H program for girls. This woman spent a year in the United States and had opportunity to see 4 H in action. To assist Miss Wu, a library of carefully selected home economics literature is being sent to Taiwan.

INTERSTATE 4-H STAFF CONFERENCES - NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Two conferences are scheduled, one for eight States and one for four:

April 30 to May 4 - Turkey Run, Indiana
Chairman: Maurice Hill, Michigan

July 16 to 20 - Minnesota
Chairmen: Hal Anderson, Minnesota
Robert Clough, Missouri

9TH REGIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

August 6-13 are the dates for the 9th Regional 4-H Club Camp with headquarters at Howard University. A preliminary planning meeting was held in Atlanta, February 7. Proposed committee members are being contacted by Director W. A. Sutton, Georgia, Chairman. The first full planning committee meeting is set for March 16--USDA South Building. Special thanks go to Director W. H. Daughtrey, Virginia, and his committee for the successful camp held last year.

SENIOR 4-H CLUB CONFERENCE

Seven Tennessee Valley States are invited to participate in a conference at Fontana Village, North Carolina, June 6-8. About 200 senior 4-H Club members, 15-21 years of age, are expected. The Tennessee Valley Association of Test Demonstration Farm Families in cooperation with the Extension Service of the Valley States and the Tennessee Valley Authority will sponsor the event. Program highlights will include a study of the people, agriculture, power, forestry, recreation resource development, industrial growth and other features of the area. The contributions of young people to the family will be discussed at length. Trurs, recreation and other popular 4-H features will be included. State 4-H Club Leaders Tommy Walton, Georgia, and Lonnie Safley, Tennessee, are both on the planning committee.

A.I.C. SUMMER INSTITUTE

Indications point toward an outstanding youth program as a part of the A.I.C. Institute, July 29-August 2 in Raleigh, North Carolina. A preliminary planning meeting held at Raleigh, February 2, was attended by 4-H Club members and Extension workers from a number of States and the Federal Extension Service. L. R. Harrill and his staff are active in making arrangements for the meeting.

Last year 22 States named a 4-H Club delegate to receive a \$50 scholarship to attend. All States are eligible to name one member each for this award. Leadership in cooperative activities and the other phases of farm business training should be considered in this selection.

RYUSA CONFERENCE - September 9 to 13

University of Wisconsin is the location and September 9 to 13 are the dates for the RYUSA Conference. Program details are now being formulated by the planning committees.

4-H TIME USE STUDY IN CONNECTICUT

Most of you are probably aware that Vermont made a time use study. A year ago, Connecticut did practically the same thing. Analysis of the data was held up until Laurel Sabrosky returned to the job. Recently, Mrs. Sabrosky was in Connecticut to consult with county and State workers on the implications of the study for their program. Within the next year, she will be preparing a circular giving the methodology used in connection with the Connecticut study.

MAY ISSUE OF EXTENSION SERVICE REVIEW FEATURES 4-H

Your wonderful response to the survey regarding the 4-H issue of Extension Service Review has given us the secure feeling that we are highlighting significant problems. Also, we have a gold mine of suggestions regarding potential authors--so many that we will have to choose carefully and hold many of the suggestions for future issues.

We hope you will be watching for the May, 1956 issue and that you will keep us tuned in on effective uses you find for it. We are all interested in getting better mileage for this fine aid.

"FAIR PRIZE" IS NEW BOOK ABOUT 4-H

Appearing on the market in late March will be "Fair Prize", a new book by Velma Griffin. The book is written for children ages 9 to 12, who love animals and farm life. The story involves a 4-H member and his lamb. This is the author's first book, although she has previously written feature articles for magazines.

4-H ENTOMOLOGY

You will be interested in the enclosed letter by M. P. Jones to Extension Entomologists. We are particularly eager for response to the request in the first paragraph for suggestions and samples of material that might be helpful in developing a leader's manual for 4-H use. M. P. Jones is chairman of the Entomology Committee. Patricia Kelley of the Pennsylvania 4-H Club staff and George Foster have been asked to do the 4-H Club organizational section of the manual.

REPORT OF NATIONAL 4-H CLOTHING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Miss Martha Harrison, chairman of the 4-H Clothing Development Committee, sent you recently a copy of the report approved by the Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work. This is an excellent report and will be helpful in planning projects and preparing literature. The recommendations on page 6 from the delegates at National Camp is worth noting.

"GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SEWING MACHINE"

The leader training program is progressing rapidly. Thirty-eight States and Alaska are now participating. State-wide planning meetings on how the program will be put in operation have been held in most of the States. Extension personnel in several States are actually going through the process of training before making it available to the local volunteer leaders.

4-H POSTER PAINTINGS PRESENTED TO FES

The original oil paintings for the five 4-H Club Week posters have been presented to Mr. Ferguson by Coats and Clark. Mr. John B. Clark, President, Mr. William Shaver, Vice President, and Miss Joan Frye came to Washington in January for a special presentation luncheon.

In accepting the paintings, Mr. Ferguson expressed our gratitude not only for the paintings but also for the continued support given to 4-H Club work in connection with the posters, activities at the Club Congress, and aids to further 4-H clothing and other project work.

4-H GIRLS PARTICIPATE IN "MAKE IT YOURSELF WITH WOOL"

A 4-H Club member and a former 4-H member scored highest in the junior and senior divisions of the ninth annual "Make It Yourself With Wool" event, held recently in Fort Worth, Texas. For both of them it means a trip to Paris and Rome. Mary Jo Stewart of Ault, Colorado, placed high in the junior division, ages 14 through 17; and Kay Rohrig of Mitchell, Nebraska, now a bank teller, was highest in the class including ages 18 through 21.

The program at Fort Worth included tours and other educational and social features in addition to modeling of the costumes.

MARILYN GOES TO PARIS

April 7 will find Marilyn Graves of Mississippi headed for Paris, France, where she will be one of 40 young women attending an international teen-age conclave to discover how youth in many nations live, think, and feel. When she returns, Marilyn will be accompanied by one of the French girls.

Each of the 40 young women - 20 from France and 20 from other countries around the world - were selected by a leading magazine. Marilyn has the honor of being chosen by Seventeen Magazine. Host for the meeting is the French magazine, Elle.

Blanche Goad, Associate State 4-H Leader in Mississippi, in commenting on Marilyn's invitation says, "She and her family accept it as another big opportunity for 4-H Club Work, just as we do."

TEENAGERS MAKE DOLLS FOR UNICEF

Several inquiries have come to us concerning the doll-making program carried on each year through Seventeen Magazine for the U. S. Committee for UNICEF (United Nation's Children's Fund). This is a program in which teen-age girls secure from a local store a basic doll kit consisting of a man's white sock and a plastic face. The girls use their own ingenuity in dressing the dolls. This may be an individual or a club's community service project.

Further information may be had from Jean Baer, Seventeen, 488 Madison Avenue, New York 22.

NATIONAL FATHER'S DAY - June 17

The Committee for National Father's Day has indicated it will be sending you a leaflet suggesting some of the plans for this observance on June 17. In case you are interested in special information, please write the committee at 50 East 42nd Street, New York 17.

INTER-ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE HOLDS MID-WINTER MEETING

"Starting Farming--A Challenge to Rural Youth" was the theme of the February 7-8, meeting of the Inter-Organization Committee on Programs for Rural Youth. The committee membership includes leaders of various youth-serving programs in government, farm organizations, and related groups. Several members of the FES staff participated in the program with Ed. Aiton serving as co-chairman. Special guest speaker was Dr. E. B. Hill, of the Department of Agricultural Economics of Michigan State University. Howard McClarren, Director of Youth Education, American Institute of Cooperation, is the present chairman of the Inter-organization Committee on Programs for Rural Youth.

4-H CLEAN GRAIN ACTIVITIES

A summary of State Extension Service activities in the Clean Grain Program-1955 has been prepared by a Federal Extension Service Committee including a member from our Division. Mention is made of:

Kansas--Work in rodent control involving 4-H Club members.

North Dakota--Clean grain survey aided by 1,689 4-H Club members from 39 counties representing 166 clubs. Nearly 3,000 granaries were surveyed to determine corrective measures required to adequately store food grains safely.

Oklahoma--Programs reached 17 counties specifically through 4-H Club work. Four hundred 4-H Club boys also viewed mounts showing insects feeding on stored grain.

South Dakota--4-H Club activities in this endeavor provide another example of 4-H participation in carrying out overall Extension responsibilities in a specific area.

4-H CLUB BUSINESS TRAINING

Be on the lookout for a request in the near future for information on activities now being carried on or contemplated in the field of 4-H Club business training. Scattered reports indicate increasing 4-H Club program emphasis in farm and home management, farm business training, marketing and other phases related to the business side of agriculture and home economics in the broad sense. The Division of Agricultural Economics Programs is interested in cooperating with us on a review of the current situation.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO HONOR "TUBBY"

The officers of the West Virginia All Stars have accepted this challenge to be of service. They are sponsoring a "'Tubby' Boggs Memorial Scholarship Fund." They believe that donations to such a fund will amount to quite a sizable sum of money. A grand idea in memory of a wonderful man!

SHARING GOOD IDEAS WITH THE STATES

ARKANSAS - Wallet-size card for blue placing

"A" award rating in 4-H Club records is recognized by a wallet-size card, signed by the chairman of the judging committee. The card has space for name of the member, name of the award's program, and name and title of the judge. It also says "May your ideals and ambitions always be on this high plane."

CALIFORNIA - State 4-H Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee, including county directors, county and State 4-H workers, and subject-matter specialists, met for five full days in January. Emphasis was on objectives and evaluation as well as methods. After administrative consideration of the recommendations, they will be taken to the field in a series of district meetings.

GEORGIA - Another Milestone in Camp Facilities

First of 30 modern cottages has been constructed at the State Negro 4-H Club Center in Dublin. Dedication of the cottage climaxed the two-day annual Negro 4-H Club Congress. Construction of the second and third cottages at the Dublin Center is expected to be underway in the very near future.

INDIANA - Leader Training

A series of 22 district adult leaders' training meetings are scheduled for February and March, in an "all-out" effort to have one or more local leaders of every club present at one of the training meetings. Rotary supports the Extension staff in this training program.

LOUISIANA - "Teen-Agers Take Over"

A new brochure tells of a 13-week series of television programs. Each program is 15 minutes in length and is designed especially for teen-agers, to provide them opportunity to participate. The series includes program features such as planing a party, good grooming careers, buying clothes for school, and a take-off on "Dragnet". Copies of the scripts have been sent to all television and information specialists through the Division of Information Programs.

MICHIGAN - Unusual Project

Michigan comes in with a new idea in projects. It is slanted to older members and is in the field of scenic beauty--a 4-H Tourist and Resort Project.

MISSOURI - Leader Training

Currently Missouri is doing a series of district leader events. Five attractive leaflets which help tell the story of objectives, projects, the teaching job and leadership are effective program tools.

MONTANA - 4-H Club Business Training Project

A new 4-H Club business training project, developed under the guidance of the farm management specialist, is getting a trial in a few counties in 1956. It is planned for older boys and girls.

NEBRASKA - 4-H Program Evaluation

The Nebraska staff developed a discussion guide to be used with 4-H Club leaders and county 4-H committees to help start the process of county 4-H program evaluation. It was introduced during staff discussions held at the Leaders' Conferences in January.

The Nebraska Leaders' Conferences were planned to equip those in attendance to help do the training job back in their home counties with other volunteer leaders.

NORTH CAROLINA - 4-H Forestry Camp

North Carolina is one of the States carrying on 4-H Club Forestry Camps. Fred Wagoner, Director for Camp Millstone, site of their camp, reports this is one of the most enthusiastic groups they have during the entire summer.

Louisiana is adding a Junior Forestry Camp to its schedule next summer.

NEW MEXICO - 4-H Statistics

Discussion of "where we are" and "where we are going" was sparked by a set of statistics assembled by the State 4-H staff. This included State, regional and national figures with space for each county to complete its own picture. New Mexico credits Wyoming for the suggestions it adapted to its own needs.

PENNSYLVANIA - A Look at the Rapp Study

Pennsylvania will consider the findings in the Mary Ruth Rapp study when the staff assembles for a series of four 1½-day conferences. They were one of the four States included in the study. Miss Rapp will be on hand to help evaluate the findings and to share in the discussion of the applications to the Pennsylvania program. Methods of evaluating YMW work will also have consideration at these same conferences.

WASHINGTON - "Building a Bigger and Broader Base in 4-H"

4-H emphasis at annual conference explored five areas that contribute to building a broader base: (1) Support of parents and sponsors, (2) Developing leader councils, (3) Emphasis on leadership training, (4) Broadening the program horizon, and (5) Challenging teen-agers with a better program.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Officer-Leader Training

During November and December most counties trained officers and leaders through clubs, county-wide meetings, and banquets. By giving this training early in the year more benefit is received as a result of the training.

LITERATURE AND OTHER PROGRAM TOOLS

Copies enclosed:

Circular letter regarding revision of the 4-H Club Soil and Water Conservation Leaders' Guide

Copies have gone to Extension Soil Conservationists from W. R. Tascher.
Your suggestions will be welcomed.

"Statistical Summary of 4-H Club Work" - ESC 504. The Division of Research and Training Programs has compiled this important data. This type of publication is issued about once every three years. It is especially timely now because of your emphasis on program evaluation and projection. Due to a misunderstanding, the charts are much smaller than had been planned.

"Home Improvement Literature List". Here is a send-for list in the area of home improvement work. Write to the various States for publications that would be valuable to you.

"4-H Club Films". We welcome additions to this listing and brief explanation of general 4-H movies. Do you know of, and use some, that are not listed?

State bulletins, general: (Please inform us of your bulletins that could be listed.)

"1956 Minnesota 4-H Leaders Kit". For their 1956 leader meetings, Minnesota features "Fitting 4-H Into the Family". The pamphlet contains much good information and a variety of helpful teaching devices. Each year the staff prepares a manual to spark the leader training meeting series.

"4-H Secretary's Book" (Washington). This is more than the usual-type minute book. It has devices to help the club set goals and plan programs.

"A Teenager Looks at His Family" (Nebraska). This bulletin is a reprint of part of a publication made for and used by adolescents. Includes excellent material for discussion purposes.

"As We Speak" (Nebraska). Don K. Wiles (1955 Fellow) has made an interesting revision of the Nebraska public speaking leaflet.

"1956 4-H Indiana Health and Safety Guide" - Health and Safety Specialists join hands with the 4-H staff in preparing a guide for the health and safety officers. These officers may be elected or may be junior leaders.

"Yes, You!" (Wyoming). The health activity outline for members has a new look in its format and in its interesting content. The past three health activity outlines have stressed general health habits; this one, dealing with mental health, stresses "personality." Wyoming also has a mimeographed leader's guide on the topic of personality development. Mrs. Evangeline J. Smith, formerly nutrition specialist, now State home demonstration leader, is the author..

"How Can Youth Programs Best Serve the Community?" (Iowa). W. H. Stacy, Extension Sociologist, in this mimeographed letter to rural and community leaders, considers three angles: Young people want better communities, community programs of 4-H Clubs, and how to plan with rural youth.

"Growth Curve for 4-H Members" (Nebraska). A charting guide on height and weight to help members get an accurate and reliable picture of present and future health and growth.

"Young Farmer and Homemaker" (Colorado). Les Osborn has put together an effective mimeographed pamphlet combining his own sound thinking and experiences plus many tested ideas from other States.

"Ideas for 4-H Club Leaders" (Kansas). We liked this first issue of a news sheet for local leaders. It will be continued on a regular basis.

Project bulletins:

"A Picture of Good Eating" (Georgia). New foods literature is being developed in packet form, typical of some new approaches being tried in Georgia. The outside folder carries the most basic information. Single sheets containing project outlines, demonstration guides, and other timely materials are supplied from time to time as the member's project work develops. Mary Gibbs and Martha Harrison are providing the leadership in this development.

"Meals the 4-H Way, No. 3" (Wyoming). Many of you are familiar with the excellent bulletins Wyoming has for young members. This new publication is planned for the member of some experience. The project suggestions include quick meals, entertaining friends and family, and preservation by freezing and canning. The bulletin lay-out and photography are also very attractive.

"Have Fun with Foods" (Utah). This project guide for members just starting out in food preparation was tested last year in mimeographed form. It is now printed in a well-organized and attractive way. Boys as well as girls like the project.

"Outdoor Meals" (Virginia). The project is planned for senior boys and girls. It includes suggestions for family picnics, cooking for the crowd, and other types of outdoor entertaining.

"Leaders' Guide - Food Preparation" (Minnesota). This contains helps for the project leader who guides members in food preparation projects. It gives "whys" and some of the "how to do's" of the project, as well as a list of references.

"4-H Dairy Handbook" (New Jersey). This fine new handbook is well illustrated and written in a style that 4-H Club members will enjoy using it. The very first picture shows two attractive 4-H Club members drinking milk, a fitting beginning for a 4 H dairy bulletin.

"Good Lighting" (Nebraska). This project leaflet for advanced 4-H electrification members is part of a series of three. The others to be printed soon are "Good Wiring" and "Good Motor Care".

"4-H Electric Project Supplements--Foods, Clothing, Home Improvement" (Utah). These three supplements for auxiliary projects are prepared for a power company by a home economist who was formerly an outstanding Club member. Each leaflet contains helpful suggestions on the use and care of equipment applicable to the projects.

4-H Pageants:

In recent years, one of the highlights of the Maryland 4-H Club Week program has been a pageant written and directed by Billie Marie Howes, wife of the Assistant State 4-H Club Agent, Merle L. Howes. These pageants which portray some of the significant phases of 4-H Club work, are entitled:

"Happy Harvest"
"The 4-H Morning"
"The Important 4-H Day"

A State may secure individual copies of one or more of the pageants by writing to Merle Howes at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Educational Materials from Friends:

National Dairy Council, 111 No. Canal St., Chicago 6.

"A Girl and Her Figure" is a very attractive booklet on personal development, growth, food needs, exercise attitudes.

Have you seen the new catalogue which lists visual aids and leaflets available?

National Safety Council, 425 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11..

"Home Safety Services" summarizes many excellent bulletins and leaflets. Several of you have recently commented to us about some of the leaflets on baby sitting which are included in the summary.

"4-H Clothing Notebook" (Coats and Clark)

You may have already received a copy of the revised 4-H Clothing Notebook for members enrolled in 4-H Clothing projects. Included in the cover are suggestions for preparing a clothing notebook, how to plan your clothes, and a wardrobe inventory plan. States may secure a supply of this material from Miss Joan Frye. Single leaflets on card loom and inkle loom weaving are also available. A list of illustrative material describes other available pamphlets.

CALL FOR 4-H PHOTOS

Our thanks to those States who sent 4-H photos in response to our recent request. Already, we have had opportunity to use several of them.

We will still welcome photos from any other States. We need, most of all, pictures of community-service activities, members-in-action with 4-H projects, and parent interest and cooperation.

SEEING-EYE DOG PROJECTS

A recent publication "The Seeing Eye" shows and tells about 4-H members raising seeing-eye dogs. The publication gives facts about the training of the dogs and their usefulness to many blind persons. It says "4-H Club children..provide a normal, homelike environment for pups until they are ready to begin their schooling at about fourteen months of age."

New Jersey and California are the most active States in developing this humanitarian project.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS

Lorenzo F. Kinney of Rhode Island, veteran State 4-H Club Leader, began his retirement on January 15. In addition to his other fine qualities, Mr. Kinney will be missed for his enthusiasm and skill in taking photographs of 4-H-in-action. This fine hobby may get even more attention now that his time will be less scheduled.

Several new staff appointments are noted this month:

- New York - Wilbur F. Pease becomes the new State 4-H Club Leader, replacing Al Hoefer. Harold B. Sweet is appointed as Assistant State 4-H Club Leader. He was formerly a county 4-H Club Agent in the State.
- Georgia - Harold Darden is newly-appointed as Assistant State 4-H Club Leader. As an assistant and a county agent for nine years, his 4-H work has been outstanding.
- Michigan - W. Maxine Harris is Acting Assistant State 4-H Club Leader. She started her assignment on January 1.
- Ohio - Dorothy M. Gorby, formerly a home demonstration agent, now becomes one of the Assistant State 4-H Club Leaders. Miss Gorby will start her new position March 1.
- Texas - Peggy L. Wilsford, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, was a Texas assistant county home demonstration agent. She, too, began her assignment on January 1.

Congratulations and welcome to all of them!

From Alabama, we learn of the resignation of Mrs. Lula W. Martin, Negro State 4-H Club Agent, who has had headquarters at Tuskegee Institute.

Note these corrections to be made in our recent listing of State 4-H Club Staffs: Will you please change your copies of the California staff list to include Margaret F. Kohl, rather than Margaret E. Duncan- sorry Margaret. Her name follows immediately after Dorothy E. Duncan on the State list. In Oregon, take off the names of Esther Taskerud, who now has another assignment, and William G. Nibler.

Mildred Fizer of West Virginia is on the "off duty" list for a few weeks. She is making satisfactory recovery from a back operation and is at her apartment in Morgantown.

Some of us have had the opportunity to talk to Dorothea Holstein in Nebraska. We are thrilled at the progress she is now making. You will recall that Dorothea was injured last July when returning from a 4-H Conservation Camp.

Some of the many friends of Chas. E. Potter, formerly of the Federal Extension staff, may like his new address at 240 Phelps Ave., Winter Park, Florida.

Marvin Boss, one of the 1955 4-H Fellows, is now located in Michigan. He is a County 4-H Club Agent at Ann Arbor. Marvin and his wife, Doreen, spent the summer in England, following the year in Washington.

Marie Wolfe (Michigan) gives us an interesting account of her studies at Cornell. She is planning to do a thesis on urban 4-H Club work which seems a particularly timely choice, both for Michigan and for the Nation. Marie says she has had wonderful response to questionnaires sent to the States, which probably indicates your interest in knowing more about progress and possibilities of urban 4-H Club work.

Three State 4-H Club workers are new on the Board of Trustees for the National 4-H Club Foundation. They are Martha Leighton of New York, Georgia M. Taylor of South Carolina, and Paul J. Moore of Montana. The three new Trustees are appointed by the Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work. They will serve with others representing the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy, Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work, the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities, and the Federal Extension Service.

Three members of the Foundation staff are now in travel status. An interesting letter from Kathleen Flom brought greetings from many of our 4-H Friends in Europe. She read our January Ideas letter in the office of Barbara Engnaes in Norway. Previously she had consulted with Kirsti Hirvensalo of Finland, who visited in several of the States last year.

Clinton Gaylord is making contacts in the Middle and Far East. He will be coming home by way of Hawaii in mid-March. Les Nichols is the third member of the IFYE team to be making contacts in far places. Les is in Latin America until about March 21.

January 29 was a red letter day for members of the Division staff. Honoring Ed Aiton's achievement of doctoral status, they and their partners celebrated his attainment of the degree.

LIST YOUR 25-YEAR STATE LEADER NOMINATIONS

Gold keys will be awarded at the National 4-H Club Camp to State and Assistant State Leaders who have served for 25 years or more (including both county and State Extension experience with youth work) and who are currently employed.

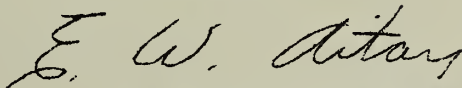
Please also list retired Federal, State, and Assistant State Club Leaders who have served for 25 years or more for consideration for Camp citations.

A form is attached for your convenience. Please return it by April 1.

With so many opportunities open to us and so many pressures to fill 4-H schedules to the brim, it is important that we occasionally stop to evaluate where we are going. May we share with you the sage advice of one of our seasoned 4-H veterans, Horace M. Jones of Massachusetts:

"Let us concentrate our efforts in an attempt to bring enrollments and activities into better balance. Retain the essentials of a good program, and if necessary drop those activities which contribute least. Accept new activities only when they replace some of those we now have. A good 4-H program is one in which we teach as much as we can to as many as we can. Plans with those goals in mind should produce the desired results."

Sincerely yours,



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